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## **FEMA RELEASES ON-LINE TRAINING COURSE FOR THE NATIONAL RESPONSE FRAMEWORK**

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today released the on-line IS-800.B *National Response Framework (NRF)*, *An Introduction* training course. The NRF, which focuses on response and short-term recovery, articulates the doctrine, principles and architecture by which our nation prepares for and responds to all-hazard disasters across all levels of government and all sectors of communities.

**Course Information:** The course introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the NRF.

**Course Objectives:** At the end of this course, students will be able to describe:

- The purpose of the National Response Framework.
- The response doctrine established by the National Response Framework.
- The roles and responsibilities of entities as specified in the National Response Framework.
- The actions that support national response.
- The response organizations used for multi-agency coordination.
- How planning relates to national preparedness.

**Audience:** This course is intended for government executives, private-sector and nongovernmental organization (NGO) leaders, and emergency management practitioners. This includes senior elected and appointed leaders, such as Federal department or agency heads, State Governors, mayors, tribal leaders, and city or county officials – those who have a responsibility to provide for effective response. Senior leaders, emergency management practitioners, disaster workers, and first responders who have previously completed IS-800 or IS-800A are not required to complete IS-800B as part of NIMS compliance activities. However, FEMA strongly urges emergency management professionals across the nation to complete this new independent study course on the NRF. Additional information on the NRF can be obtained from the NRF Resource Center at [www.fema.gov/nrf](http://www.fema.gov/nrf)

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**Course Completion:** This course is available at <http://www.training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS800b.asp>. When individuals complete the course, they should take the online test, fill out the student information and submit the test for scoring. FEMA's Emergency Management Institute's Independent Study office will notify individuals via email of their successful completion of the course and a link will be included to access and print a course certificate.

**Questions:** Individuals may contact the Independent Study office via email [Independent.Study@dhs.gov](mailto:Independent.Study@dhs.gov) or contact the call center at 301-447-1200 or toll free at 1-800-238-3358, extension 1200. Independent Study Program office hours are **7:30a.m.-7:30p.m.** (EDT).

**Pre-requisite:** None

**Course Length:** The overall length of the course will vary for each individual. IS800.B takes approximately 3 hours to complete.

**Continuing Education Units (CEUs):** FEMA's Emergency Management Institute (EMI) awards 0.3CEUs for successful completion of this course.

Additional NRF training will be released soon highlighting the Emergency Support Function (ESFs), Support and Incident Annexes.

*FEMA coordinates the federal government's role in preparing for, preventing, mitigating the effects of, responding to, and recovering from all domestic disasters, whether natural or man-made, including acts of terror. Region III covers Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.*

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